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Baseball Loses Pair To Wright State

Flames have rough day at the plate, on the mound in doubleheader loss.

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Chicago, Ill.- It was just one of those rare days for the UIC baseball team.

Two days after scoring a combined 28 runs in two games against Valparaiso, the Flames' offensive well went dry and UIC pitching didn't fare any better in a pair of league losses to Wright State at Les Miller Field on Sunday.

UIC (22-15, 11-5 Horizon League) mustered just one run and eight hits in two games against the Raiders (18-16, 9-4), who scored a total of 26 runs against Flames hurlers.

Game 1: Wright State 20, UIC 0

[Derrick Miramontes](#) had his roughest outing in a UIC uniform, and Raider left-hander Jon Durket stymied the Flames' bats during a complete-game five-hitter in a 20-0 UIC loss.

Wright State jumped ahead with six runs in the first, as a three-run homer off the bat of Jeff Mercer served as the biggest blow.

Miramontes lasted just 3.2 innings, charged with 10 earned runs on 10 hits. The UIC right-hander's shortest start prior

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to Sunday was 5.2 innings, and he had never given up more than three runs in an outing before then.

UIC's bullpen had an equally tough time, as three relievers allowed a total of seven earned runs.

On the other hand, Durket had his stuff working against the Flames. The southpaw struck out eight while walking just two in going the distance.

[Kevin Coddington](#) was 2-for-3 with a walk.

Game 2: Wright State 6, UIC 1

The Raiders opened up a one-run game with four runs in the sixth to defeat the Flames in the nightcap, 6-1, and clinch a doubleheader sweep.

UIC cut an early two-run deficit in half on [Brett Schaefer's](#) sacrifice fly in the fourth. But two innings later John Kopilchack hit a two-run homer off of starter [Mike Kool](#), and the Raiders finished the frame with a pair of two-out runs to extend their lead to five.

The Flames will take on Northern Illinois at Elfstrom Stadium, the home of the Kane County Cougars, in Geneva, Ill. this Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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